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6 MS. WESTERLUND: My name is Lisa Westerlund,

7 and I work for Esmeralda County and have lived in

8 Central Nevada for five years. Goldfield lies in the

9 main highway between Reno and Las Vegas.

10 We understand full well the fact, the

11 dangers, dangerous cargo often travels on that highway.

12 Certainly we are concerned about these dangerous

13 cargoes, and as nuclear waste is added to the list of

14 cargoes, we expect DOE to regulate those shipments to

15 the same high safety standards that are used to

16 regulate nuclear power plants around the country. We

17 already have low-level nuclear waste traveling through

18 rural Nevada and right to the Nevada test site, and we

19 are happy that DOE has recognized its responsibility to

20 help us to be prepared in case of an accident. The

21 Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory

22 Commission must recognize the concerns we Nevadans have

23 about safety of a high-level waste repository and

24 transportation to get it there. We expect DOE and the

25 NRC to adhere to a rigorous process for both licensing

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1 and construction. We are not afraid of the nuclear

2 waste shipments, or of the repository of Yucca

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3 Mountain. But we insist of a rigorous safety program

4 that be put in place, and we want to part of it.